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**TAKE NOTE** • Johnny Summers leads the Innisfail Junior Band in a workshop session at the Zion Church on Nov. 21. The workshop was part of the 4th annual Olds Rotary Jazz Fest.

## Christmas Helpers change up hamper program

BY KEVIN VINK  
 MVP Staff

The Christmas Helpers hamper program is running for its 31st year, with Linda Sirr and Linda Regner at the helm once again.

They are changing things up this year compared to previous years. Rather than picking up the groceries themselves, they will be asking those interested in donating to buy the groceries, then deliver them for packaging.

"So we're looking for 120 people or groups," said Sirr.

"About 120 estimated hampers will be given this year. And so what I have is a list of the groceries that we need that we put with a hamper, and we're asking that people will take on and purchase those groceries for one of them."

She said families, service groups, or community groups can get together and decide how to put together a hamper, and said this change in procedure will help with logistics.

"We don't know how many people we're going to

have (sign up for hampers) and how much money is going to come in. And we have to order our groceries early, and to do all that estimation is really difficult, so last year we pushed for this idea."

The estimated cost of the hampers is about \$200 each. She added there is no specific, set value for a hamper because everyone who needs a hamper will have different needs, whether they are single people, seniors, or families.

Christmas Helpers volunteers will be at the Didsbury Train Station on Nov. 29 for Country Christmas, from 5 to 9 p.m., telling people what they're doing this year. People will be able to sign up there, or by calling Sirr directly.

The Christmas Angel program is also continuing this year, allowing those interested to buy a present for a child. The presents will be paired with hampers, she said.

There are Christmas trees set up at various locations in town with angels that people can pull off. The angels give the age and sex of a child.

Once a gift has been bought, it can be turned in to the post office unwrapped and with the angel

attached. Postal workers will ensure the gifts get to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church (ZEMC) for wrapping.


"(People are) going to get a hamper, but they're also going to get a gift for their children," she noted, adding the program has been in place for a few years now.

"And it works really well as far as getting our gifts. We get a lot of really nice gifts."

The ZEMC will also accept cash donations, which are tax deductible and will be put towards the purchase of food and gift certificates for the hampers, she added.


She said she and Linda Regner are appreciative of all the help they have received from the community in the past, and noted this is one of the ways residents can help share the joy of Christmas with others who may not be able to afford it for themselves, for one reason or another.

For those who would like to participate, or for those who know an individual or a family in need, Sirr encourages them to contact her directly at 403-335-2378.



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# Wednesday house fire leaves garage scorched

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Thanks to the quick response of the Didsbury Fire Department (DFD), damage to a home was limited to the attached garage and a truck where a fire is believed to have started, according to firefighter Bob Wright, who was the officer in charge of the scene.

The call came in from dispatch around 3:15 p.m. last Wednesday, Nov. 20, and Wright said the call was originally

for a vehicle fire.

When he and his crew got there however, a truck that had been sitting in front of the garage was burning, and the flames had leapt up to the overhang of the garage's roof, he added.

Once on scene, he upgraded the call to a house fire. One more DFD truck and one Olds Fire Department truck made it to the scene shortly after, with 12 firefighters attending altogether.

"It just happened to be lucky no one was

home. The kids had not got home from school yet so no one was home at the time," said Wright, noting that a passerby called in the fire.

Bob Whitlow said another woman called the fire department, but he was on scene before the firefighters.

"I was walking up the block and the truck was on fire. But there was no way to pull it back from the house," said Whitlow.

He said the flames had crawled along the eaves and it appeared the fire spread to the attic of the garage.

"It's not good."

Once firefighters had the fire put out, they went into the house to ensure the windows were open in hopes that the smoke wouldn't damage the home itself, said Wright.

He noted the initial investigation suggests that the fire started somewhere in the engine compartment of the vehicle and he estimated the damage will total about \$50,000 including damage to the truck.

"It could have been a lot worse. It's actually fortunate that it was in town - otherwise, add on some more minutes and it'd have been gone. There would have been a much bigger dollar loss anyway."



The resident of the house attempts to make a phone call after arriving to the scene.



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Firefighters exit the garage of a home after responding to a house fire that started from a vehicle parked in the driveway on Nov. 20.

Bottom - Firefighters attempt to extinguish a fire in the garage of a house.



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# Jazz band students learning from the pros

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Over 200 high school jazz band students from across the region gathered in Didsbury last Thursday to attend the Jazz Fest workshops at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

Kirk Wassmer, music director for Didsbury High School, said students came from Innisfail, Airdrie, Olds, Carstairs and Cremona for the concert series in Olds and workshops in Didsbury which were taught by the Calgary Jazz Orchestra (CJO).

The events kicked off on Wednesday, Nov. 20, with a student concert at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds, he said, adding that an a cappella jazz group from Red Deer also played for the audience.

For the workshops on Thursday, Johnny Summers, director of the CJO, taught each school's jazz band as a whole,

then the students would break out into groups based on their instrument and receive training from a member of the CJO that played their particular instrument, he said.

"This will be the 13th year we've done the workshop part of things, and the fourth year of the concerts," said Wassmer.

"But jazz is the kind of thing where to learn it, you have to listen to it, so the concerts are just such a great addition. For the kids to be learning from pros on their instruments is really an exceptional opportunity."

The festival was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Olds and the Chinook's Edge School Division, he said, noting that there were other sponsors whose support allowed the students to attend the concerts with little cost.

"It's a costly event, but it's a great opportunity for the kids," he said.



Noel West/MVP Staff


(Top) - A member of the "It's Time" vocal ensemble performs a solo during the group's performance at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds on Nov. 20.

(Below) - Kodi Hutchinson of Calgary, left, works with Hugh Sutherland School senior band student Josie Abraham during a workshop session at Zion Church on Nov. 21.



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The Olds High School senior band performs at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds on Nov. 20.



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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Cyberbullying a crime against community

The unveiling of new federal legislation aimed at stemming the insidious rise of cyberbullying across Canada, including in West Central Alberta, is welcome news for young people and for all communities.



DAN SINGLETON

Announced on Nov. 20, the new law will, among other things, make it a Criminal Code offence to distribute intimate images without the consent of the person or person in the photo and will empower the courts to order the removal of intimate images from the Internet.

Justice Minister Peter McKay says the new legislation is both needed and a step forward in protecting Canadian youth.

The dramatic rise in the use Facebook, Twitter, blogs and other social media has opened new and exciting ways for people of all ages to communicate in their communities and throughout the world.

And as with all new technologies, young people are on the forefront of the use of social media, both in schools and in their out-of-school lives.

Yet the rise of social media has led to a corresponding rise in youth-on-youth bullying conducted over the Internet.

Sometimes taking the form of incessant teasing, insulting and threatening messages and images, cyberbullying has become all too common across Canada.

And because it is based on the Internet, cyberbullying knows no boundaries, with young people in small towns and villages just as vulnerable to it as people living in the larger centres.

Unlike physical bullying, cyberbullying has not easily lent itself to the traditional ways of fighting bullying, such as confronting the perpetrator and physically intervening.

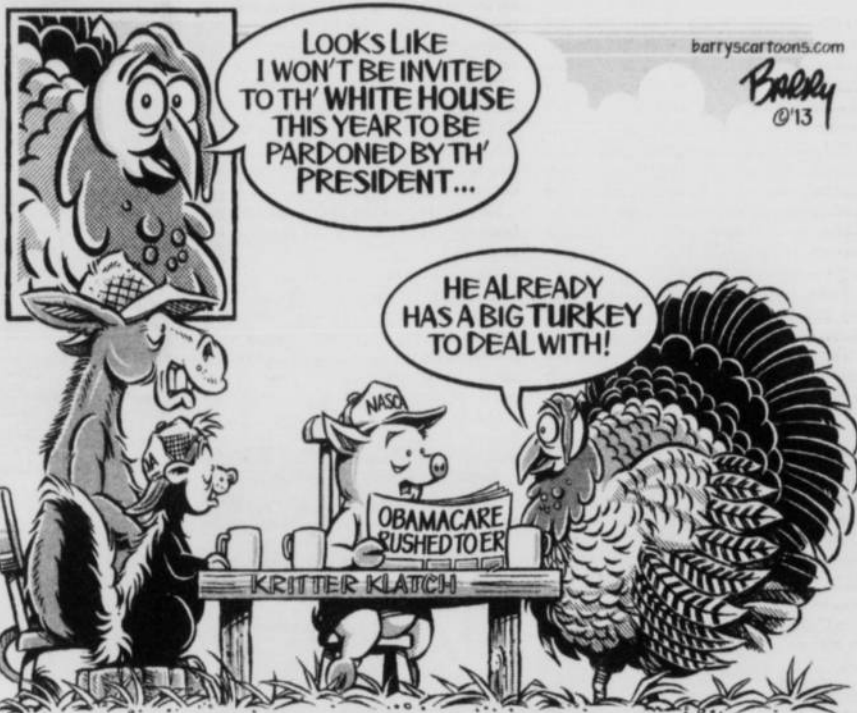
In the case of cyberbullying, the bullies are all too often able to hide behind their computer screens, threatening their victims from afar with little or no risk to themselves.

Educators have been working long and hard with young people and other stakeholders to combat cyberbullying, teaching people about its dangers and searching out ways to stop it.

Yet for all the effort, including in schools across this district, the fight against cyberbullying remains an uphill battle, with few victories and many tragic losses, including in all too many cases the suicide of young victims such as Amanda Todd.

This new federal legislation is a good step in the ongoing fight against cyberbullying. It will not end the problem, but it should help police make cyberbullies either reconsider their wicked ways or face vigorous backlash and punishment.

Everyone, including young people, has the right to use the new social media technologies without fear. With that in mind, MPs of all parties are encouraged to move this new legislation through Parliament without delay.



## Commentary

### The EI ripoff

GREGORY THOMAS

If Stephen Harper really wants to help working Canadians and their families, he needs to scrap the pork-barreling Employment Insurance system designed by Pierre Trudeau, and give Canadians back their own money.

This year in Canada, every working Canadian couple, with each worker earning at least \$47,400, will watch as \$4,277 in EI "contributions" are shipped to Ottawa on their behalf. The government has hiked that maximum EI tax haul by 25 per cent since 2008, when it was \$3,412.

Now some provincial premiers are beating the drum for a huge hike in the deductions taken from our paycheques for the Canadian Pension Plan; they argue that Canadians aren't saving enough for retirement.

But a working Canadian couple could save over \$67,000 in 10 years, if they simply were allowed to keep their EI contributions in their own, personal, tax-sheltered rainy-day fund. They could use the money in the event of a job loss or keep it for their retirement.

For Canadians who plan their lives around staying employed — think about school teachers, bus drivers, lab technicians, accountants, business managers — EI is nothing more than a ripoff, pure

and simple.

And it is a ripoff on a massive scale: Between 1981 and 2009, Ontarians paid \$75 billion more in EI taxes than they collected in EI benefits. Albertans paid nearly \$18 billion more than they collected. It's a similar story across Western Canada.

Even worse, when workers in many parts of Canada find themselves suddenly out of a job, they can't collect EI, because the regional rules tilt the playing field against them. City dwellers lose out while their laid-off colleagues, who might have worked at the same company and even in the same building, might be permitted to collect EI cheques for weeks because their residence is located in a rural community. No other nation on the planet runs its employment insurance system this way.

Our EI system was morphed in the 1970s into a vote-buying machine for the government in power. Sadly, not much has changed in 40 years. Today, less than half of Ontario's unemployed can collect EI benefits, while in other provinces, everyone who loses their job ends up collecting. No wonder that in Newfoundland and Labrador, 60 per cent of EI claimants have made at least three claims in the past five years. Further details

were released this week in the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's new report *Unmasking Employment Insurance: How EI Increases Unemployment and Steals Billions from Working Canadians*.

Canada's EI system is making Canadian workers poorer: robbing them of thousands of dollars that rightfully belong on their paycheques, and providing a cruel incentive to others not to work, not to upgrade their skills, and not to seek opportunity where there are steady, year-round jobs available.

Canadian employers are filling hundreds of thousands of jobs with foreign workers, while we spend billions of dollars paying EI benefits for people who "go on unemployment" year after year. We spend more than a billion dollars every year, just on the administration costs for this wasteful, destructive pork-barrelling scheme.

Canadian workers deserve to keep their own money. They deserve to know that the money that comes off their paycheque will be there — for them — when they need it, not shipped off to Ottawa to buy votes for politicians.

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# Olds RCMP turn up thousands worth of stolen loot

BY PAUL EVEREST  
MVP Staff

Olds RCMP arrested four people and recovered tens of thousands of dollars in stolen property in connection to break-and-enters and thefts in Olds and other Central Alberta communities, dating back to April, according to police.

Cpl. Jay Peden, a spokesman for the Olds RCMP, said police have been investigating connected break-and-enter and theft sprees in and around Olds from the spring and summer and a break in the case came on Oct. 28 during a traffic stop in Sundre.

Police pulled over a pickup truck that day in a Sundre industrial area that was stolen from Olds Concrete on Oct. 4.

The truck was loaded with stolen property including copper wire, tools, a generator and electronics, police said.

The two men found in the stolen truck— Jason Furlong, 39, who resides in Olds, and Kevin Leischner, 42, who lives in the Olds-Torrington area— were arrested and each charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, breaking and entering, possessing break-in instruments, theft over \$5,000, theft under \$5,000 and obstructing a police officer.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP said although police have only

found one connection to Didsbury so far — namely a set of keys that was stolen earlier in the year from Grasse Lumber, police are continuing to go through the stolen property to match it up to previous reported thefts.

"There's a variety of other property that is being looked into for links for anything that has gone on in the area, but certainly we have been able to link that investigation back to that theft (of keys) that occurred," said Jacobson.

He noted criminals in the area typically bounce between the towns that are easy to access, especially when they already reside in the area.

"Certainly we have ongoing communications with the Sundre and Olds detachments related to trends and developments so that we're all on the same page and can stay ahead of the criminals with our intelligence," he added.

Cpl. Ryan Hodge, a spokesman for the Sundre RCMP, said police were also in the process of laying a charge of theft over \$5,000 against Furlong in connection with a theft of roughly \$20,000 of copper wire from a business in the industrial area on Oct. 17.

Further investigation, Peden said, revealed the pair of suspects were connected to break-in and theft incidents in the region and police determined other people were involved in the criminal



Noel West/MVP Staff

Cpl. Shawn Morgan of the Olds RCMP hauls out some of the pilfered loot from a property in Olds.

activities as well.

On Oct. 30, Sundre RCMP executed a search warrant related to the investigation at Sundre's Sun Plaza Motel where they recovered a large amount of stolen property.

The stolen property found at the motel included a die-cast car collection, automotive parts and music records and police believe all the items belong to the same Sundre resident.

In the wake of the investigations in Sundre, police from Olds and Three Hills searched a rural property between Olds and Torrington in early November where Leischner was residing and recovered property stolen from a number of businesses in the Olds and Innisfail areas including a rototiller stolen from Geronimo Farm Equipment in Olds, a uniform hat belonging to a government employee and gardening equipment and chemicals.

Police in Olds and Innisfail continued to identify suspects connected to the stolen property and as a result of the ongoing investigation, the Olds RCMP searched a residence at 5129 51 St. in Olds on Nov. 8 and recovered between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in stolen property.

The stolen items found at the home included speakers from an audio-video

business in Rocky Mountain House, gardening supplies including fertilizer from a gardening centre in Innisfail, tires and trailer hitches.

Peden said some of the items recovered at the residence come from break-ins that happened in Olds earlier this year.

Olds police reported at least two break-in and theft sprees in town this year including a spree in April where six homes were broken into and a spree in late August and early September where thieves targeted roughly a dozen businesses in Olds and Bowden.

A resident of the 51 Street home, Michael Kelm, who is in his late 30s, was arrested as a result of the executed search warrant at the residence.

He is charged with 19 counts of possessing stolen property under \$5,000 and one count of possessing a restricted revolver firearm.

Kelm was also charged with possession of a controlled substance at the time of his arrest.

After a search warrant was executed at his home in December 2012, Kelm was convicted on two drug possession charges and was fined \$750.

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## RCMP host ball to bring community together, raise money

BY SYLVIA COLE  
MVP Staff

For the first time since 2005, the Didsbury RCMP hosted a Regimental Charity Ball last Friday, and over 200 people attended to show their support for RCMP, EMS, and fire services personnel,

according to officials. "We really wanted to bring that sense of community back and strengthen our partnerships," said Const. Terri Carew of why the detachment is once again hosting this formal event.

She said there were 210 in attendance, and proceeds from the event

will be given to Chinook Arch Victim Services, Carstairs and Didsbury Citizens on Patrol (COP) and the Mountain View Food Bank.

There was over \$3,000 raised through a silent auction and 50/50 draw, and about \$10,000 being raised through ticket sales, before expenses

were accounted for, she noted, adding that it will once again be hosted by Didsbury RCMP in another two years.

"Everybody had a good time – the whole place was dancing until the end at 1:15 (a.m.), and everybody came up to me after and said it's been one of the best events they've been to."

An RCMP regimental ball is "rich in tradition" she explains.

Members wear their red serge and have a piper play them into the event. There are traditional toasts RCMP make during formal events, such as to the Force and the Queen, she said.

The purpose of the ball is twofold as it will be a chance to bring together members – including former members of the RCMP – and

the public.

"We (like) to have the public come out and have a night with us in a social atmosphere and get to know us as people," said Carew.

It also acts as a fundraiser for local support groups that work directly with the RCMP.

Carew said both victim services and the COP were chosen because they work directly with the RCMP.

"Victim services supports all of Mountain View County," explained Carew, who said their help with domestic situations, arranging rides and helping people with nowhere to go, is an invaluable service to the community.

She said likewise, the COP work directly with the RCMP, and log long night shifts looking for suspicious activity in

the two communities.

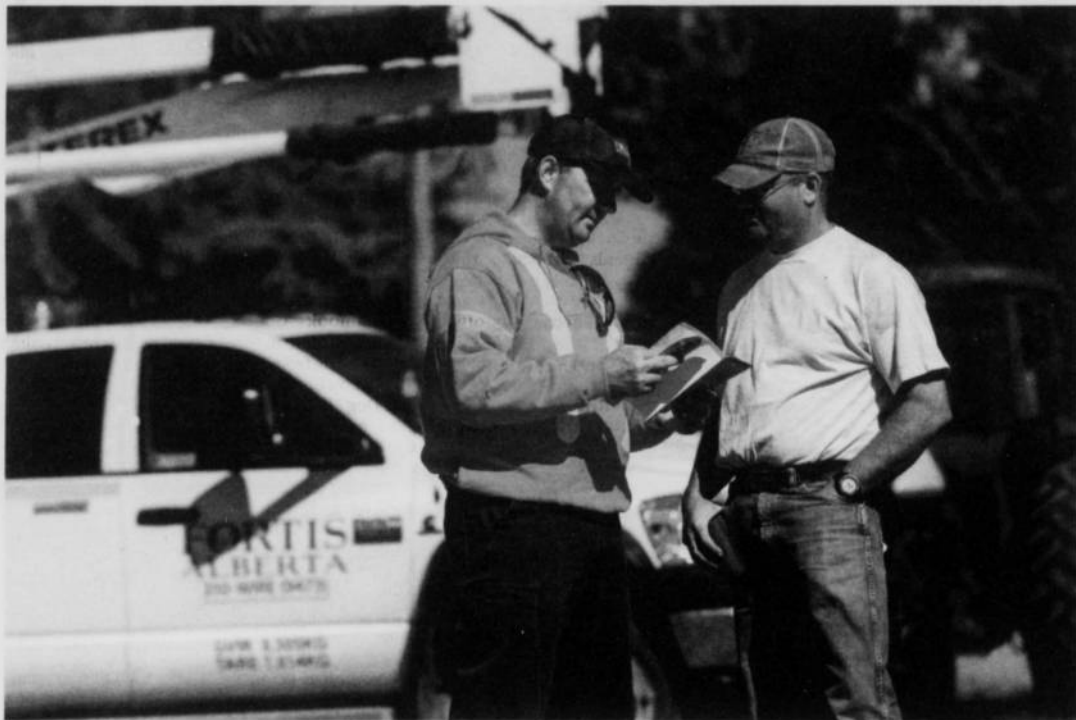
"With the food bank, at this time of year, there are lots of people in need," she said of choosing this organization as well.

The evening included a three-course meal, live entertainment, bar refreshments and a silent auction. Retired Staff Sgt. Glen Hanes was the guest speaker and talked about the RCMP and their impact on the community.



Attendees of the RCMP Regimental Ball dance after dinner.

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Kerry McClelland, at Hammer Stock Farms

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### Bust

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During the search of Kelm's residence and garage on Nov. 8, the Olds Fire Department was called in to assist and monitor air quality in the home due to concerns about gas fumes in the garage.

Police also arrested a woman living at the home at the time of the search and she is also facing property-related charges.

Peden said police are looking to speak to other people as part of their continuing and "still growing" investigation into the break-ins and thefts and more charges will be laid.

Some of the recovered stolen items have been used and there is evidence some of the property stolen in this area is being sold elsewhere in the province, he added.

As for where the items are ending up or who is orchestrating the break-ins and thefts, Peden said the thieves receive "shopping lists" from people "higher up in their little rings."

"A lot of items are targeted specifically based on the needs or wants of the consumer," he said, adding the suspects arrested in the last two weeks were known to police prior to their arrests and are part of a larger group of people operating together.

Police in Olds, Sundre, Innisfail and Didsbury are working together on the investigation.

Furlong and Leischner were scheduled to appear in Didsbury court on Nov. 18 and Kelm is scheduled to appear on Dec. 23.

Peden said if police can find the owners of the stolen property and they have not yet claimed the stolen items under insurance, the items will be returned to their owners.

If insurance has been claimed, the items will be turned over to the insurance companies.

## Colts lose to Red Deer in shootout

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts lost to the Red Deer Vipers in a game that ended 4-3 last Friday, Nov. 22, after going into a shootout when a round of overtime yielded no results.

The Colts played hard, but in the third period, the Vipers were able to tie up the game and hold out until overtime began.

Coach Brent Youngs said it was exciting for the fans.

"It's tough to lose it, but it's good entertainment for the fans anyway. It's tough on the boys but when it gets into a shootout - it can go any way," said Youngs.

"But you know, we got a point out of it. We're still in the running, and we're doing good. The guys fought hard tonight."

He noted this was the Colts' second game against the Vipers. The first game was also close, with the Vipers coming out on top with a score of 5-4. He added that the two teams are closely matched.

"They're right there in the points with us. You look at the division and there isn't a whole lot of points difference between first place and fourth or fifth place. So it's a really tight division and Red Deer's a really good team; they've been coming on strong recently."

They played five minutes of overtime four on four, then went into a shootout with five shooters per team taking a turn before the goal was made. "Like I said, it's a tough one to lose but one point's better than nothing."

Jeff Kohut, assistant

coach for the Vipers, said his team played solidly for about 40 minutes, "and the second period was not our strongest for sure. We backed off a bit but we came back in the third and played really well."

He was also happy about the player who was able to get the winning goal during the shootout, he said.

"The shootout goal was pretty good, I mean, 'Junior' doesn't shoot too often - he usually dekes - and he hasn't scored many goals this year, but it was good for him to get that one. It was sort of a monkey off his back, so to speak."

He said the puck hit the Colts goalie's pad and rolled into the net.

"So it was a pretty lucky goal. He got really lucky on that one, but good for him. He worked for it and he deserved it."

## Police warn drivers to drive sober

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Following a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of 25 Street and 15 Avenue in Didsbury, Sgt. Jeff Jacobson is reminding drivers that police will once again be ramping up checkstop operations.

A 34-year-old male from Calgary was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle after blowing over the legal limit of .08 in that incident, he said.

"It's certainly the season when Christmas parties are beginning. We want to encourage the motoring public to have their strategies in place to get home from those Christmas parties."

Picking designated drivers, arranging pickups from friends and family,

as well as taking a taxi home are much better options than getting behind the wheel while impaired, he said.

"We will be out doing checkstops throughout the Christmas season here, and if people are choosing to drive impaired, chances are they will be caught."

With the relatively new laws in effect, he encourages people not to drink and drive, and to have an alternative arranged.

"We want everyone to get home safe and we don't want any innocent bystanders or drivers of other vehicles to be hit by an impaired driver, so have a plan before you go to the party."

The checkstops will be random, and he said they will be setting up in a variety of locations at a variety of times during the day.

## Santa visiting Olds, Airdrie for pet photos

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

The Wild Rose Humane Society (WRHS) will once again be hosting the Pet Pics with Santa event, with all proceeds going towards the Give Me Shelter campaign.

Funds will help the WRHS build or lease a building to use as an animal shelter, say officials.

Mayanne Campbell, fundraising director for the WRHS, said this is the fifth year that the society has held the event, and added it's a great way to get some unique photos of pets while supporting

a good cause.

"Usually it's a very well-received (event)," said Campbell. "Every time that we've done it, all the appointments have been booked and we usually have quite a few walk-ins as well."

It is being held in two locations this year: on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Chinook Country Veterinary Clinic in Olds; and in Airdrie from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Dog "E" Daycare.

The cost will be \$10, and Campbell said she is really trying to push fundraising this year.

One of the reasons she

feels so strongly about it is because her neighbours recently found a dog frozen under their patio.

"And there's no reason for it. We desperately need that shelter," she added.

Rather than residents phoning bylaw services every time they find a stray, she wants to help create a place where people can bring animals to, where they will be taken care of and adopted from, she said.

"We want to be able to work with bylaw so that if somebody does find an animal they don't have to do it."



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Braeden Anderson (17) tries to break through the Red Deer Vipers' defense.

## Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK

### Hit and run

One driver had a harrowing drive on Highway 22 near Highway 579, on Nov. 17 near the Water Valley turnoff, according to Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"Ultimately two vehicles were driving opposite directions, and the driver of a silver (Jeep) Grand Cherokee had to swerve out of the way of an oncoming vehicle that was in their lane," he said.

"As they swerved out of the way, that vehicle clipped the side of their Jeep and continued going."

He said police are seeking any witnesses to the incident or the person who was driving the other vehicle to come forward.

### Tools stolen


The lock on a cargo trailer sitting west of town was cut, and tools valued at about \$2,000 in total were stolen from the trailer, between Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 8 p.m., said Jacobson.

The tools included a gas-powered chop saw, a

Makita drill, among other items.

### Truck crash

A welding truck struck a fence after hitting a power pole on 14 Street on Nov. 20, and the driver of the vehicle fled the scene, leaving the vehicle behind, said Jacobson.



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Elvin Janzen, of Didsbury, went home to be with his Lord on November 20, 2013 at the age of 80 years, after a sudden heart attack.

Elvin was born on Sept 3, 1933 in Gouldtown, Saskatchewan to Abram & Justina Janzen, the 3rd youngest of 8 children. He spent his growing up years helping his Dad on the family farm just outside of Gouldtown. He used to love telling stories of working with the threshing crews, taking the horse-drawn carriage to school or walking behind the horses plowing the fields each spring. When he grew up, Elvin attended Millar Memorial Bible School in Pambrun, SK and spent several summers working with Christian camps throughout Saskatchewan.

He moved to Calgary, AB in 1956, where he met a lovely lady, Vera Adams, who later became his wife. They spent 54 happy years together, raising 4 children. During his working career, Elvin tried his hand at many different enterprises, ranging from truck driving to designing commercial greenhouses to owning and operating a fleet of school buses. He was a somewhat adventurous entrepreneur, moving throughout the province of Alberta always looking to try something different. His latest venture was to operate a second hand store in Didsbury for a short time just last year.

Elvin was predeceased by his oldest son, Gerry, in 1981 and his loving wife, Vera, in 2012. He was also predeceased by several siblings and both his parents.

Elvin will be greatly missed by his son Doug (Wendy), of Calgary, his daughter Colleen (Albert) of Innisfail, and his son Darryl (Josie), of Didsbury, as well as his 4 grandchildren: Matthew, Emily, Charlie & Joseph. He will also be lovingly remembered by his younger brother Don (Beth) of Toronto and younger sister Marietta of Salzburg, Austria.

Funeral services for Elvin will be held at Heartland Funeral Services, Innisfail, on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013 at 11:00 am with Pastor Dave Wiebe officiating. Interment will follow at the Alto Reste Cemetery in Red Deer. If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Canada, Jim & Jan Mulvihill-Belize ministry, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Innisfail, entrusted with arrangements.  
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## McKECHNIE, Len



Len McKechnie passed away peacefully in Calgary, AB on Monday, November 18, 2013 at the age of 79 years. Len is lovingly remembered by his wife of 53 years, Georgie; children, Marvin (Karen), Lawrence, Gena and Neil (Shelley) and six grandchildren, Morgan, Jordan, Lauren, Erin, Allison and Ian. He is survived by his sister, Ethel, as well as many nieces and nephews. Len was predeceased by his sisters, Mabel, Ellinor and Verna and brother, Harvey. Len was born on the family farm near Tuffnell, SK and was the youngest of six children. He moved to Jasper, AB in his 20's where he met and married Georgie. In the early 60's, they moved to the Didsbury area and purchased a farm where they raised their children. Len enjoyed baseball, curling and community involvement. He retired from the oil and gas industry in 1992. A Memorial Service was held at Olds Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 105, 5241 46 Street, Olds, AB T4H 1H5 on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Interment followed at Westerdale United Churchyard Cemetery. If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made directly to the Veteran's Food Bank, 1, 4539 - 6 Street N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 3Z6. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family via the website [www.fosters-gardenchapel.ca](http://www.fosters-gardenchapel.ca).

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## LAVECK



It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of our mother Joyce Laveck at the age of 89 years on November 21, 2013, after 19 long days in Olds Hospital Palliative Care. Mom was born on October 14, 1924 in Drumheller. She leaves to mourn her 2 daughters, Doreen (Peter) Sawatzky of Didsbury, Rhonda (Phil) Johnson of Olds; 3 sons Stan (Yvonne) Laveck of Stettler, Doug (Cindy) Laveck of Sundre and David (Jocelyn) Laveck of Whitehorse, Yukon; her only sibling Ellen Sawchuck of Chilliwack, B.C.; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Joe in 1963, parents Bill and Elizabeth Martin, 4 brothers, and a grandson Darren Laveck. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Didsbury Elks Hall on Saturday November 30, 2013 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Olds Hospice Society. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Didsbury entrusted with arrangements. 403-335-4773 [www.heartlandfuneralservices.com](http://www.heartlandfuneralservices.com)



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On behalf of JOYCE LAVECK, the family wish to thank Olds Acute care hospital, Olds Palliative care, Olds Hospice society, her caring doctor Dr. DeWong for the wonderful care she received during her lengthy stay at the Olds Hospital. Also thanks to Dr. Jackson for the personal care for many years prior to her move to Olds.

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